



I Deserve Condemnation, But He Gave Me Mercy

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² Early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.⁴ “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery.⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”¹² Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 8:2-12 NLT

1. The religious leaders try to trap Jesus

2. Jesus chooses mercy over condemnation

- Even though she was guilty
- Even though she deserved condemnation
- Jesus found a way to give the woman mercy instead of what she deserved

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1 NLT

Next Steps:

- ☐ Re-read today’s Bible story
- ☐ Stop listening to the voices of condemnation and receive mercy and forgiveness from Jesus
- ☐ Give mercy to someone who doesn’t deserve it: _____
- ☐ Give God praise and thanks that he doesn’t give me what I deserve
- ☐ _____